## CANINE BODY CONDITION SCORE (BCS)

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### MUSCLE CONDITION SCORE (MCS)

- **NORMAL muscle mass**
- **MILD muscle loss**
- **MODERATE muscle loss**
- **SEVERE muscle loss**

Physical assessment of patient’s muscle mass

- Palpated over spine, scapula, skull and pelvis

### UNDERWEIGHT
- Ribs visible from a distance under shorthair, no palpable body fat
- Marked abdominal tuck

### IDEAL WEIGHT
- Ribs visible under shorthair, no palpable fat
- Moderate abdominal tuck
- Well-proportioned abdominal tuck
- Abdominal tuck minimal

### OVERWEIGHT
- Ribs visible under shorthair, no palpable fat
- Ribs minimally visible, easy to palpate with minimal fat cover
- Ribs not visible, easy to palpate with minimal fat covering
- Ribs palpable under mild fat covering
- Ribs palpable under difficulty under moderate fat covering
- Ribs palpable only with significant pressure under marked fat deposits
- Ribs not palpable under marked fat deposits

### MUSCLE CONDITION SCORE

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- Abdominal tuck minimal

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